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SUBJECT: SMI/SFCP - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL OF
HALIM EL-DABH FOR PUPPETEERS OF AMERICA, INC.

ATTN: SCIENCE AND CULTURAL ATTACHES; BUDGET AND
FISCAL OFFICERS

1. SMI/SFCP HAS APPROVED THE TRAVEL TO EGYPT OF DR.
HALIM EL-DABH, PROFESSOR OF MUSICOLOGY, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY, TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING
PRACTITIONERS OF EGYPTIAN TRADITIONAL PUPPETRY TO THE
U.S. IN 1980 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE XIII CONGRESS OF THE
L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MARIONNETTE IN WASHINGTON D.C.
THE PUPPETEERS OF AMERICA, INC. HOPE TO ORGANIZE AN
INTERNATIONAL PAPPET FESTIVAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
CONGRESS AND SEVERAL FOLKLORISTS HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO
SCOUT OUT PARTICIPANTS FOR THIS FESTIVAL. THE FOLKLIFE
PROGRAM OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION WILL ADVISE THE
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PUPPETEERS OF AMERICA ON THE PARTICIPATION OF TRADITIONAL
FOLK PUPPET GROUPS.

2. SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S INDULGENCE
GIVEN SHORT NOTICE ARRIVAL DR. EL-DABH DUE CAIRO

MID-JANUARY. THOUGH SPONSORED FOR PUPPET RESEARCH BY

SMITHSONIAN HE WILL ALSO PURSUE HIS OWN FOLKLORE STUDIES
AND THESE PLANS LONG MADE PROVIDE FOR MID-JANUARY
ARRIVAL CAIRO. EL-DABH IS A RENOWNED MUSICOLOGIST WHO
ARRANGED FOR THE SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION OF EGYPTIAN
FOLK ARTISTS IN SMITHSONIAN BICENTENNIAL FOLKLIFE
FESTIVAL HELD IN WASHINGTON D.C. IN 1976. THE
PUPPETEERS OF AMERICAN HAVE ASKED HIM TO RESEARCH
EGYPTIAN PUPPETRY TRADITIONS WHILE IN EGYPT.

3. EL DAB IS EGYPTIAN BORN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND WILL
NOT REQUIRE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR HIS STAY IN CAIRO.

4. SMI/SFCP AUTHORIZES EMBASSY DISBURSE TO HALIM EL
DABH PER DIEM FOR UP TO 42 DAYS AT VARYING RATES FOR A
TOTAL OF 1260.7 EGYPTIAN POUNDS AND 862 US DOLS
EQUIVALENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AND INTERNAL
TRAVEL. CHARGE TO APPROPRIATION 33X0102. CHRISTOPHER

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